

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claim 3.

Please amend claims 1, 4-7, 9, and 13-16 as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) Personal illicit drug detecting apparatus comprising a layer including a substance chemically reactive to a suspected drug and ~~positioned~~ coated on at least one finger nail of a user.

2. (Original) Personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the layer further includes finger nail polish blended with the chemically reactive substance.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) Personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein the layer is in the form of a decal ~~positioned~~ coated on the finger.

5. (Currently Amended) Personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein a similar layer is ~~positioned~~ coated on a plurality of fingers for performing multiple tests.

6. (Currently Amended) Personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 1 wherein a plurality of layers each including different substances chemically reactive to different suspected drugs are ~~positioned~~ coated on a similar plurality of different fingers.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus comprising the steps of:

providing a substance chemically reactive to a suspected drug; and

~~positioning~~ coating the substance in the form of a layer on at least one finger of a user.

8. (Original) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the step of providing includes blending the substance with finger nail polish.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 8 wherein the step of ~~positioning~~ coating includes painting the blend of the substance and the finger nail polish on a finger nail of the at least one finger.

10. (Original) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the

step of providing includes providing the substance in the form of finger decals.

11. (Original) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the step of providing includes providing a plurality of substances chemically reactive to a plurality of suspected drugs.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 11 wherein the step of ~~positioning~~ coating includes ~~positioning~~ coating one each of the plurality of substances chemically reactive to a plurality of suspected drugs on different fingers.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus comprising the steps of:

providing a substance chemically reactive to a suspected drug;

~~positioning~~ coating the substance in the form of a layer on at least one finger of a user;

moistening the substance on the finger with liquid from a beverage possibly including the suspected drug; and

observing any change of the layer on the finger nail, wherein the change indicates the presence of the suspected drug in the beverage.

14. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of providing includes blending the substance with finger nail polish and the step of ~~positioning~~ coating includes painting the polish on a finger nail of the at least one finger.

15. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of ~~positioning~~ coating includes ~~positioning~~ coating the substance in the form of a layer on each of a plurality of fingers and the step of moistening includes moistening the substance on each of the plurality of fingers at different times from the same or different beverages.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of utilizing personal illicit drug detecting apparatus as claimed in claim 13 wherein the step of providing includes providing a plurality of substances chemically reactive to a plurality of suspected drugs and the step of ~~positioning~~ coating includes ~~positioning~~ coating the plurality of substances, one each, on a similar plurality of fingers.